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E-Legislative Update

January 9 – 15, 2012



Monday marks the official start of the 63rd Legislative Session. The introduction and first reading of bills, memorials, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions will occur during this period. On January 10, 2012, Governor Gregoire will deliver her State of the State Address in the Legislative Building at 10:30 in the morning. Watch it live [here](#).

When the legislature convenes, they will deliberate over many bills. Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.

You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Education Appropriations & Oversight - 01/10/12 8:00 am Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Update on the Race to the Top grant for early learning.
Quality Education Council reports on transitional bilingual education funding and early learning.

Education - 01/12/12 8:00 am**Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Overview of Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program.

Education - 01/13/12 1:30 pm**Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Health & Wellness in Schools.

Progress report from the Bullying, Harassment, & Intimidation Prevention Workgroup ([2SHB 1163](#)).

Health and Human Services**Early Learning & Human Services - 01/12/12 8:00 am****Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Implementation of [ESHB 2082](#) (2011) regarding the transition from Disability Lifeline to new assistance programs and the Essential Needs and Housing Support Program.

Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight - 01/12/12 1:30 pm**Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Staff overview of TANF box funding.

Impact of policy changes related to TANF assistance.

Impact of reductions to the Working Connection Child Care Program.

Economic Development**Economic Development, Trade & Innovation - 01/11/12 8:00 am****Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: The Washington Economy:

The Washington Economic Climate Study.

Four pillars for economic growth and job creation.

Budget

Capital Budget - 01/10/12 8:00 am

Full Committee

House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Commission on State Debt recommendations.

Public Hearing: [HB 2168](#) - Concerning the capital budget.

Information is current as of: January 9, 2012.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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